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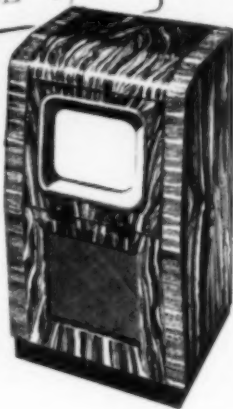


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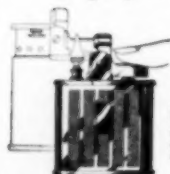
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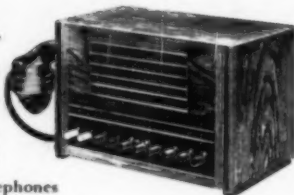
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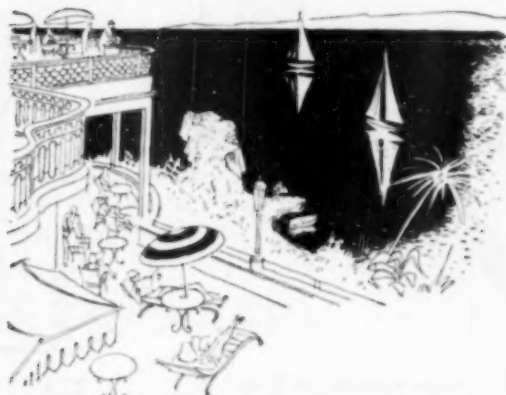
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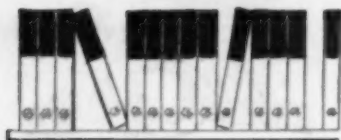


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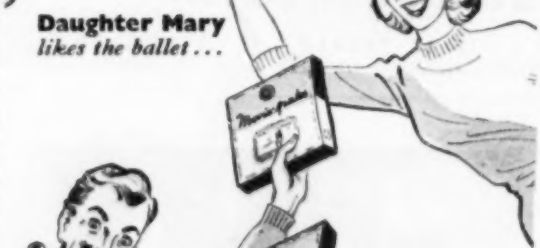
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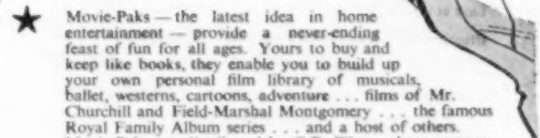
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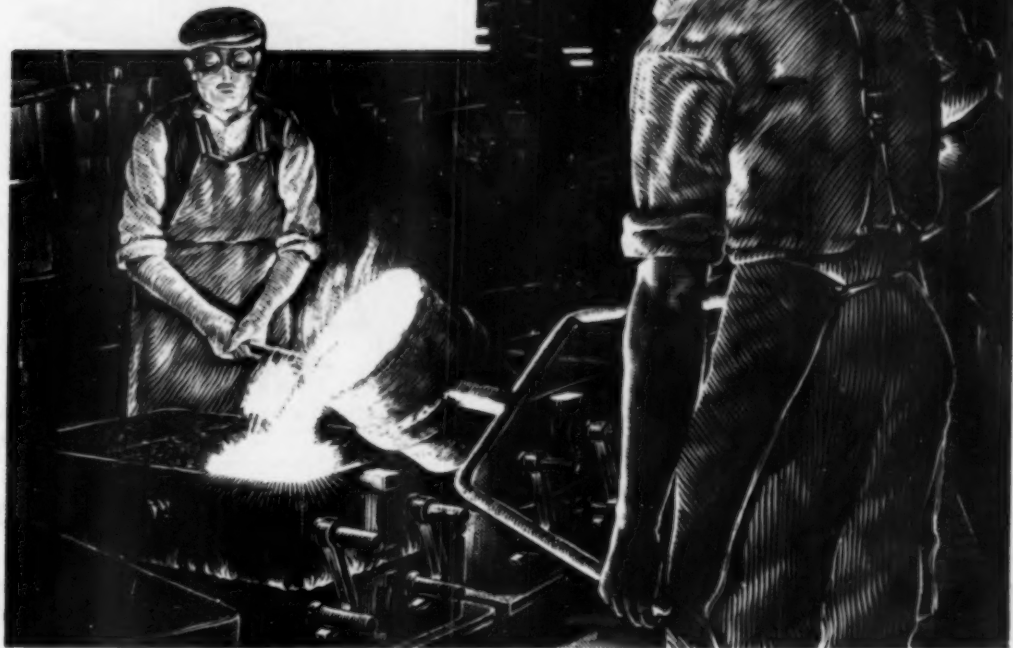
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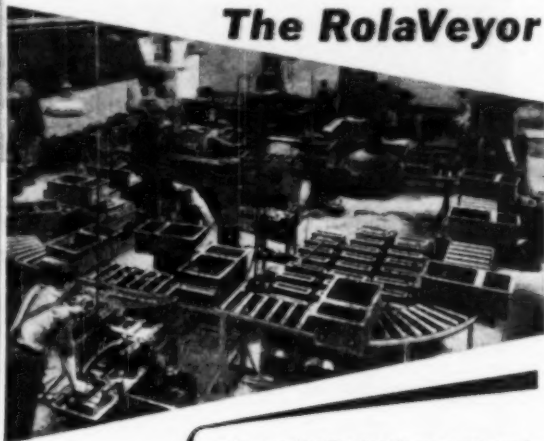
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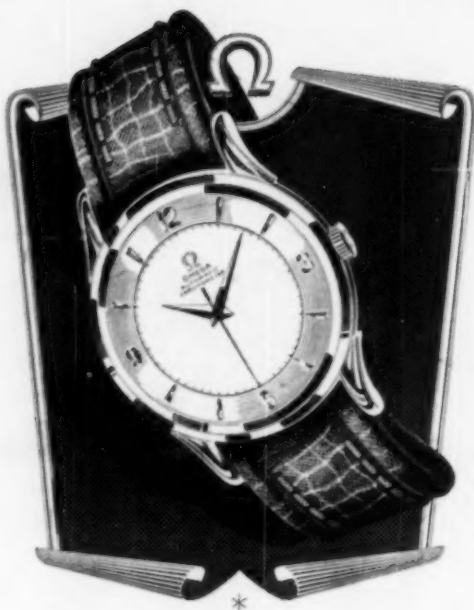
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"The individual deadmeter looks like a fountain pen and can be carried like one. The wearer looks like a fountain pen and can be carried like one."—"Daily Graphic."

What a curious coincidence.

The Select Committee on Estimates disclose that £18 million a year is lost to the Post Office because the demand for telephones cannot be satisfied. And this is without even including the overcharges which would be made in the new subscribers' accounts.

Two Glasgow schoolboys competing in the British Chess Congress lost their game because they overslept. Onlookers were impressed with the astuteness of the judges in noticing such details.

### Deadlock

"Hear Mr. H. C. Dent, noted British educationalist, Friday, April 21, at 8.15 P.M., in the Victoria College-Normal School Auditorium. General public invited. No admission."—*Canadian paper*



### Free Lancet

"KOREA.—Would a concern be interested in sponsoring a correspondent, human inside stories." *Advt. in "World's Press News"*

If the recently published recommendations of a Home Office committee are accepted child actors will be allowed to work in film studios at any age. This will be a relief to those young stars who have fretted so long under the necessity to put their Oscars away in the toy-cupboard every time they see a policeman coming.



Owing to a dispute in the London Printing Trade it has been found necessary to reduce the size of this week's issue of PUNCH. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

A *Daily Express* sports writer suggests that we should "stand behind our athletes and give them a push." Tug-of-war enthusiasts regard this proposal with mixed feelings.





## THE COSMIC MESS

**NARROGAR ANN**, English-bred winner of the 1949 English Greyhound Derby at the White City, has been mated in America to *Flashy Sir*, the U.S.A. champion greyhound. The bride will soon be on her way home, this column reads, and her puppies will be "the first Anglo-American greyhounds to be whelped in this country."

This historic union, at a time when co-operation in all things is the commanding rule for our two countries, has moved this column deeply. Heavy must be the cares of those who have to name the classic pups; and perhaps this column's uncountable but brainy readers could help with a few suggestions. It is a more useful exercise than "the crossword", and has richer opportunities than naming a horse: for the average greyhound mother, the experts say, has six or seven "progeny". In this case neither of the parents has given the god-fathers much of a lead. "Narrogar" (Irish, presumably) is not a good name to play with, and "Flashy Sir" hardly suggests the dignity of a champion. Perhaps the uncountables, before they begin, would like to hear more of their history.

"Ann" has a classic pedigree. Her noted dam, Winnie of Berrow, a daughter of Beef Cutlet, was a track-record holder of open-race class, whilst her sire, Dutton Swordfish, was the winner of the 1944

Waterloo Cup." And "her sire's great-granddam was Burletta, winner of the first Greyhound St. Leger, run at Wembley in 1928."

"Burletta—Winnie—Beef Cutlet—Swordfish"—the strain, no doubt, is grand, but the line of thought is not easy to follow. Beef Cutlet had better be forgotten at once, and probably Narrogar too.

Flashy Sir represents the finest blood in the American greyhound stud book. "His sire is a combination of English, Irish and Australian strains, whilst his dam's breeding is entirely English, and includes such stalwarts as Jamie, Beaded Dick, Flint Rock and the famous Fawcett strain of the 1900's." On the track, in eighty races, he scored sixty-two wins and ten seconds.

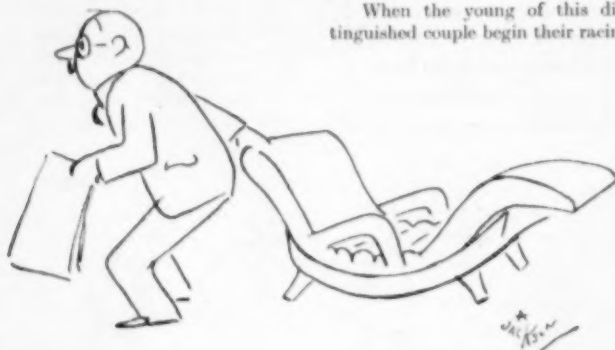
Go to it, then, uncountable nomenclators! "Nephew Sam", perhaps, would do for one of the boys—or "Son Sam"—or even "Sam Son"? "Flashing By" or "Flashing Boy" would remind us of papa, and "Shining Ann" of both the parents. "American Ann", "White Flash" (there *must* be a white one), "Flashing Sword", "Dagger Fish", "Sir Fawcett", "Washington Winnie", "Sam Bull", "Sir Junior", "Ann Across the Sea", "Atlantic Child", "Atlantic Daughter", "Atlantic Charter", "Flashing Fawcett", "Ann Abroad", "Anhattan", "Cousin Ann", "Bright Knight"—No! Very well. Now you try.

When the young of this distinguished couple begin their racing

career, at the age of two, or earlier, those who bet about them on a race-course will pay a tax. But if you go to a horse race-course and put your money on two-year-old horses you will pay no tax. That is the law in this strange land. The idea is that the horse is a noble animal and a big shot in the export drive, while the greyhound is a mere dog and pretty corrupting at that. These debatable points will not be debated here. But the interesting result is that the man who bets on horses is now entitled to consider himself as comparatively virtuous: for has not the State picked him out for special favour? This column, however, predicts that this dog, like others, will, one day, have his day. It should not be forgotten, by the way, if fast running is considered important to the nation, that a dog Derby winner runs faster than a horse Derby winner. The horse, we know, unites the human race; but if British greyhounds are going to dash about the oceans on goodwill missions, and marry distinguished foreigners, the dawn of a new era may be nearer than we think. Why not send the famous dog "Red Wind" to Moscow? There must be a bitch or two in the Kremlin.

Talking of Moscow, as one must now and then, we all know that the Iron Curtain is about the thickest thing of its kind there has ever been. Nobody can get through it, one way or the other, and, by all accounts, if an unwanted stranger did get into Russia he would not walk far before he was arrested. Yet every day in the London papers this column reads *exactly* how many troops and tanks and aeroplanes the Russians have got, how many submarines and how fast they go. A little bird has told this column that at the end of the last war, when Russia was still our Gallant Ally, we never knew *exactly* what she had got. But now, when relations are not quite so smooth, we seem to know everything. The British Intelligence Service must be good indeed. Or is it the Russian Information Service?

A. P. H.





WHODUNIT OR HOWTODOIT

"Excuse me, sir, but aren't these what you're looking for?"



*"Fancy allowing horses on the footpath."*

## LACROSSE AND US

ALMOST the only advantage that modern woman can claim over modern man is a knowledge of lacrosse. Not by any means all women have learnt this game, and fewer have mastered it, for unless you can catch a solid rubber ball with a loosely-strung tennis-racket you get nowhere, and many of us were nowhere after four years. But I have yet to meet a man who doesn't know so little about lacrosse that he thinks it is a kind of airborne ice-hockey fought to the death by Canadians. He should have seen us.

We played lacrosse at school because it is a nice refined sport in which you do not swipe at your opponents' ankles or hurl yourself at their shins. You just hit their lacrosse-stick with yours, the idea being to look as if you want to get the ball, and if you are strong enough to hold your weapon by the end of its broom-handle you suffer nothing worse than the effort of sawing in mid-air and the annoyance of being elbowed aside. At the average English girls' school—I can't think the idea came from Canada—lacrosse may be made more refined still by having a law that you never hit downwards, which meant that our heads were safe and our hands bashed only from below. But injury in any case was a negligible part of *our* game. We were too busy running after the ball and looking keenly disappointed that we never got there.

Lacrosse, of course, began with the autumn term. So did many of us. We were therefore allowed to be as bad at lacrosse as at darning to begin with, on the understanding that we would improve more quickly than we knew to be possible. In fact no one expected anything of us at all when at the first morning break we mustered on the grass for Catching Practice; except that we should stand facing the musterer and finish

our bun. In lacrosse, as in golf, there is a badness so bad that you may do better to start with than when you have learnt how; and most of us dimly remember those few carefree Catching Practices as the only occasions in our lacrosse careers when we exceeded expectation, if only by holding our lacrosse-sticks the right way up before anyone told us.

The expert, by which I mean someone clever enough to be able to tick us off without losing face, slung the ball at us with splendid ease from various angles and heights, and we novices dutifully got our sticks near enough to feel the thud as it bounced off the wooden frame. Then we ladled it up and threw it back. We put one foot forward and gave a little hop as we shoved both arms towards the expert. Practice was then held up while we were shown how to lever our weapon so that the top edge inscribed an arc, the handle caught us on the knee and the ball dropped over our shoulder. Occasionally we caught the ball, by getting it wedged in the narrow part of the net. More occasionally we stopped it fair and square in the middle and, by bringing the weapon down smartly, shot it out again. By holding the stick up at an angle instead of horizontally, and bringing it down less smartly, this is the way to keep the ball in. As you see, we were beginning to learn the rules. Another rule is that as the player runs she waves her stick in the way that an egg-and-spoon racer might if he knew dynamics—or is it statics!—wave his spoon. We found this easier than catching, because we were careful not to wave so hard that the ball fell out.

After some weeks of imperceptible progress we were drafted into real games, the ones on the bottom field that nobody walked past. With our experience of

actual conflict gathered from the edge of the top field on Saturday afternoons, crossing our thumbs for the house teams, it is not surprising that when we *did* play in a game our chief impression was the change of viewpoint. We were down there, the middle of the single file of three guarding their own goal. This is an important place on a lacrosse field. Not quite the last stronghold, you are yet near enough your goal for no one to notice you in the mix-up. But even here you aren't supposed to look happy. With your weapon at the ready you must keep close to your allotted opponent slightly ahead so that you can catch the ball before she does. We followed her like a dog, and for the rest of their lives old lacrosse-players tend to walk three inches behind the people they are walking with. Sometimes, in our devotion to duty, we followed this allotted opponent right to the edge of the battle, where we hopped about looking anxious until it was too late. Another thing we were good at looking was casually alert during the hulls between goals, as if conscious that even when chatting to our opponent we were in the eye of the tense crowds thronging the banks. I need not say that we played our lacrosse, like our cricket and tennis, before an audience comprising the school, the staff, our families, our home friends and the people we had met at the seaside.

The years have misted house matches and school matches for those who saw them only from round the outside. A few huge padded goalkeepers emerge, and someone behind the goal called a flag-wagger, and that is all. Our sporting life is a long way away now, except when our husbands throw matchboxes at us, but it has had a lasting effect. Besides knowing we have the team spirit, we cannot see a lacrosse stick without remembering that the string part is made of bacon

rind; and that if lacrosse didn't equip us for the world in any other way it at least made us glad to get out into it.

ANDE

## BACK ROOM JOYS

BEING STIFF

I WONDER if

You, too, adore being stiff—  
That is, within reason.

It is the beginning of the season—  
With the immoderation of old joy recaptured  
You have returned enraptured,  
Gone to bed, slept, and now are awake . . .  
O, that well-distributed ache  
In the right-hand shoulder  
As you roll over!  
Ow! that eminently bearable pain  
As you draw up your knees—and do so again  
To test it once more!  
The back-muscles are nicely sore—  
Your whole body hurts a little, letting you feel  
That it's real,  
Letting you recall  
That the muscles exist at all—  
And you have the joy of leaving off when you like.

Freudians, and other psych—  
Whatever-you-call-them, would claim  
That this is Masochism—a baleful name  
For the very general and normal pleasure  
Of "feeling where it is sore"—within measure.

JUSTIN RICHARDSON



—Birchbank



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ALUN LLEWELLYN





WILBUR

*"Supposed to be a writer collecting material."*

## NO CHANGE

THE Voles are coming in for a drink this evening, so I am to knock off bread-winning early this morning and see if I can win some stuffed olives and some of those hand-woven cigarettes La Vole sort of sighs into and then sickens of. I am also to come by some tall bushy-topped blooms that will blot out the bright blob on the drawing room wall where the dart-board will have been.

The accent of our arrangements will be on gracious living. I am to buy an armful of glistening magazines, some Book Society choices and the lampshade from

Booms with bear-baiting or, failing that, the Environs of Ely Cathedral round it. If either is more than I can run to I am to ask to try it for size and then return dissatisfied with it on Monday.

I am to hurry home from all this so as to be here when the butcher calls, because the drawing-room is to be turned inside out and the two of us—Butcher Burrows and I—will be wanted to help see what sort of a dash the piano cuts in one of the other corners. The dining-room is to be placed out of bounds, and anything falling below the required aesthetic level will be locked in there.

At the same time it will be possible to milk the dining-room of anything with strong cultural qualifications, such as the gouache "Accident Ward, Chiawick," which is to replace the steel engraving of the Infant Samuel over the drawing-room fireplace. The fact that the Infant Samuel in its present position awakens poignant childhood memories for me is charming but hardly relevant. It ought to be obvious that the Voles and the Infant Samuel do not add up.

Violet, who is helping with the upheaval, will not have time to cook me any lunch, so I am to get some pork-type pies for myself and Mrs. Planet. I must have been told that Mrs. Planet was coming up to shorten the green silk squiggly. It was not only yesterday that she came up to lengthen it. Skirts have been withdrawing to prepared positions for ages and ages. The smeary salmon has been seen by the Voles. It is in any case short in the wrong sense and liable to fight with the fire-screen.

Mrs. Planet is to stay and iron the loose covers, and this will provide a heavenly opportunity to have my pepper-and-salt properly pressed. I look a perfect poppet with my pepper-and-salt properly pressed. It may not be essential for me to look a perfect poppet for the benefit of Brigadier E. G. and Mrs. Brinsley Vole but it is essential that I should try to be a credit to my nearest and normally dearest, and not cause her to go hot and cold all over every time the light falls in such a manner that the mulligatawny on my green tweed is brought into sharp relief. It is not conceded that my green tweed is a suitable subject for camouflaging with tall bushy-topped blooms.

This afternoon there will be the downstairs windows to do. I cannot possibly be serious when I speak of leaving the household high and dry at a moment like this in order to go and chivy pathetic little fish. Nobody ever suggested that we were fond of the Voles. It is our self-respect that is at stake. Voles or no Voles, it cannot be right to leave windows alone for so long that it becomes necessary to clean them in

some instances with a hammer and chisel.

There are also certain things in the garden crying out for attention. It was I myself who pointed out that there was more gravel than plant-life in the herbaceous border, whereas in the drive the position was exactly reversed. It is fully appreciated that there are limits to the amount that can be accomplished by a two-armed man in the course of an afternoon, and therefore before starting on the garden it would perhaps be as well for me to tackle some more pressing duty.

There is a possibility that they may bring his wind-swept sister and her friend under hypnotic treatment. Against this contingency the arm-chair will have to be brought down from the spare room and I shall have to come home by the Furbelows and think up some reason for having their cocktail glasses without having them.

Since my opinion is asked, I do not think it would be a good idea to try to borrow their parlour-maid's subfusc at the same time. I do not agree that we—or, as it would be, I—could easily say it was for charades or that if Violet couldn't get it all done up at the back one of us could take over from her at the door to save her having to walk in front of them.

The *petit point* begun and abandoned in 1947 is to be resurrected and left carelessly on the sofa, from where it can be whisked apologetically. It is suggested that I may like to plant pipes at irregular intervals together with a copy of *The Times* with the crossword filled in, not necessarily correctly. By such means, I am informed, it is hoped to create the impression that there have been no special preparations. DANIEL PETTIWARD

"Sir John I. Falconer, in performing the opening ceremony, said that he was glad to see that fêtes and sales of work were coming back again and that people were helping themselves."

"The Scoteman"

Where is Sir John holding his next fête?

## PICCADILLY

THE buses saunter,  
And the dawdling feet  
Whispering, delaying  
Sound like the murmuring  
Of London's lost rivers,  
And a haze of heat  
Is blown from the green slope,  
With the scent of grass drying,  
Sunburnt, countrified,  
Luring the feet.

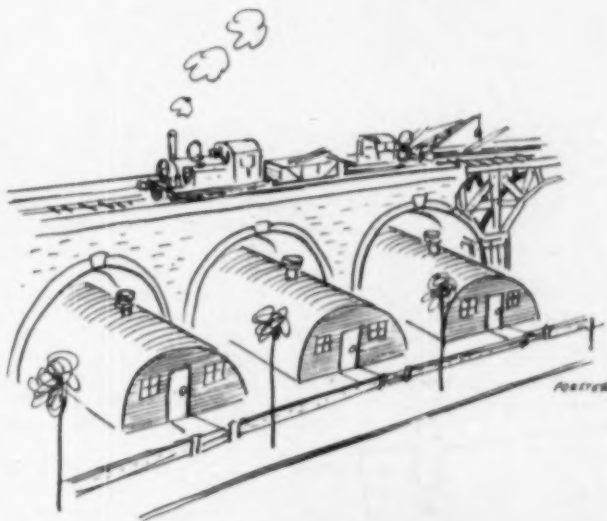
And the red and the grey  
Cars, buses and people  
Fade, like a mirage.  
(Who can tell, they may be one!)  
And down the hill trundles  
A blue and red wagon  
Come from the market  
Laden with hay.  
Wispis of it dangle  
And catch on the hedges

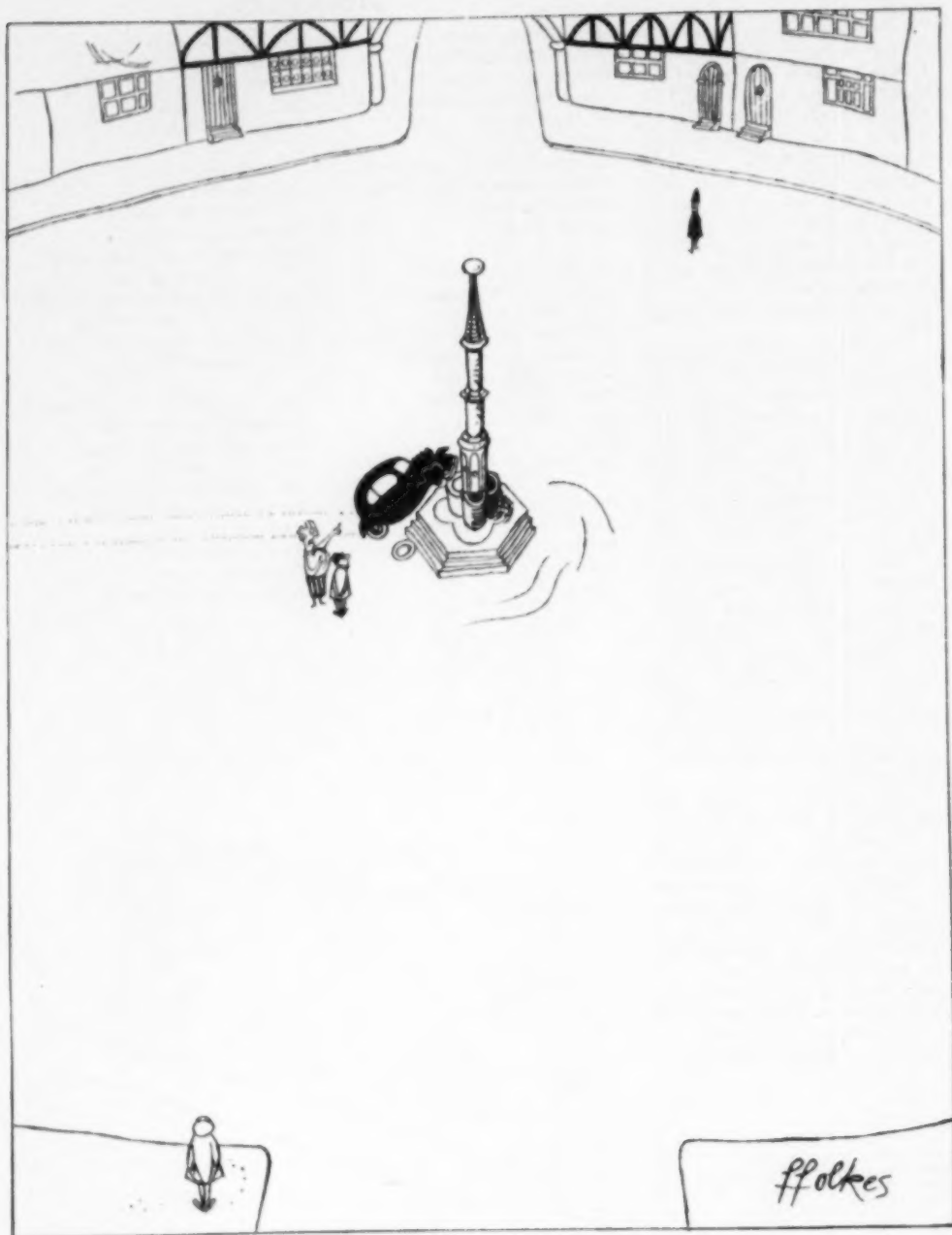
Notched with dog roses  
And blackberry flowers.  
But sauntering countrywards  
(Hillyarde painted her.  
Oliver loved her),

Oriana comes dawdling,  
Marigold, vixen,  
Beech-mast in sunlight  
Are not so bright  
As the red of her hair.

For released from the narrow,  
The turreted city,  
Cinctured with bramble-red  
Mellow brick walls,  
She comes to the fresh fields,  
The hummocks of hay,  
And her picadill, starched, notched,  
Dyed yellow with saffron,  
Nods in the fresh wind,  
Nicks at her neck.

Then loosed from the yellow ruff,  
Doffing the carved busk,  
The farthingale, petticoat,  
Gold and brocade,  
She stands like a country girl  
Smock-clad and barefoot,  
And up Piccadilly  
The picadill blows,  
But young Oriana  
Is gathering the rose.





"Well, what's the excuse this time?"

# A PERSONAL TRIUMPH

I THOUGHT I had put my ticket in the crack under the steel tubing that ran around the top of the seat in front; but when the inspector came for our tickets the chap sitting next to me took the ticket out of the crack and gave it to him.

"I say, old chap," I said deprecatingly. "I think that was my ticket you took."

"No," he said, "that was my ticket I took. What makes you think I took your ticket?"

"I put my ticket there, I think."

"I always put my ticket under the crack," he said.

"Your ticket, please," said the inspector.

Already I was beginning to lose responsibility for my words and actions. I felt in my trousers pockets, but no tickets encountered my tremulous fingers.

"It must be somewhere," I said.

"M'm," said the inspector.

I felt in my top jacket pocket and brought out enough bits and pieces to start a filing cabinet.

"Aha," I said, "it must be amongst these."

"M'm," said the inspector.

It was a queer assortment. There were library tickets, cinema tickets, concert tickets and, I was glad to see, bus tickets. I shuffled them and gave him some bus tickets.

"What," he said, "am I supposed to do with these?"

"They're bus tickets," I explained.

"I'm not collecting bus tickets."

"I don't know which ticket is the right one."

"I suppose I do know?"

"Can't you tell by the number?"

"I could if I had all the morning."

I took them all back again.

"What about this one?" I said, taking one from the middle.

He studied it as if it were some exotic curio.

"Issued by the Durban Municipality," he said. "Very few of the buses in Johannesburg are run by



*"Oh dear, four-fifteen—Mrs. Dale's Diary . . ."*

the Durban Municipality. Or perhaps," he added heavily, "I got lost on my way to work this morning."

I gave him another one.

"It's torn," he said. "There's no number."

"I suppose it worked itself loose," I said.

"Ticket's no use without a number. Not allowed to tear tickets."

"It's my ticket—I paid four-pence for it."

"M'm," said the inspector.

"Well, what about this one?" I said, handing him a ticket in a rather attractive shade of orange.

"Are you going to hand me those tickets one by one?" he said.

"No, no," I said, "that would be silly, wouldn't it? I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll eliminate all the Durban tickets first—that will save a lot of time."

"I'll go round and do the rest of the bus and then come back. You're not getting off yet, I suppose?"

I regarded that as a most sinister question.

By now the whole bus was agog. People handed tickets to the inspector with complacent smirks and sidelong glances at me. A quick look through my bunch of tickets



showed me that though they were interesting from an historical point of view they were quite irrelevant to the present journey. I searched all my pockets again. I burrowed deeply into my wallet. I patted myself all over as though the ticket would betray its presence by a sudden movement or a squeak.

The inspector was coming back when I spotted it. I began to feel arrogant.

"Why did you buy two tickets?" I said to my neighbour in a loud voice.

"I've only got one," he said, holding it up.

"What's that in your hat-band—a feather?"

His hat was on his knees. He looked at the ticket in the hat-band. He looked at the ticket in his hand. Then he took another look at the ticket in the hat-band. I have never seen anybody become so absorbed in tickets.

"But *this* is my ticket," he said pathetically, motioning feebly with his hand.

"Then why did you put my ticket in your hat-band?"

He pulled it out and gave it another searching look. The inspector wrested it from his grip.

"M'm," said the inspector.

I enjoyed the rest of the journey.

"I always have put my ticket in the back of the seat," said my neighbour after about ten minutes.

"M'm," I said.

## AT THE TURN OF THE STAIR

AT the turn of the crowded stair I saw, and knew as I saw,

The way the head was carried, the way the hat was put on,

The way the faint light fell on the line of cheek-bone and jaw:

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Lapped and overbore the half-free, hesitant brain;  
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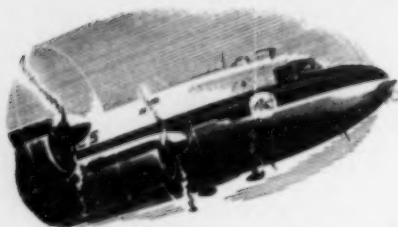


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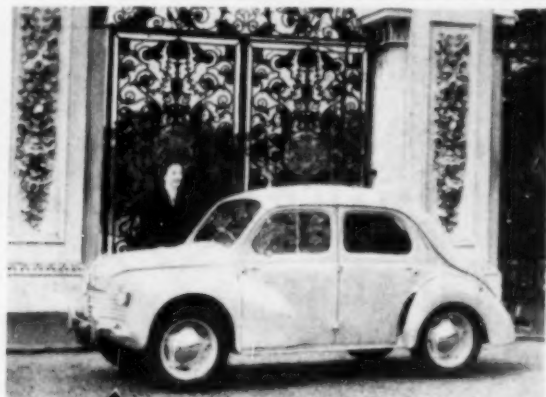
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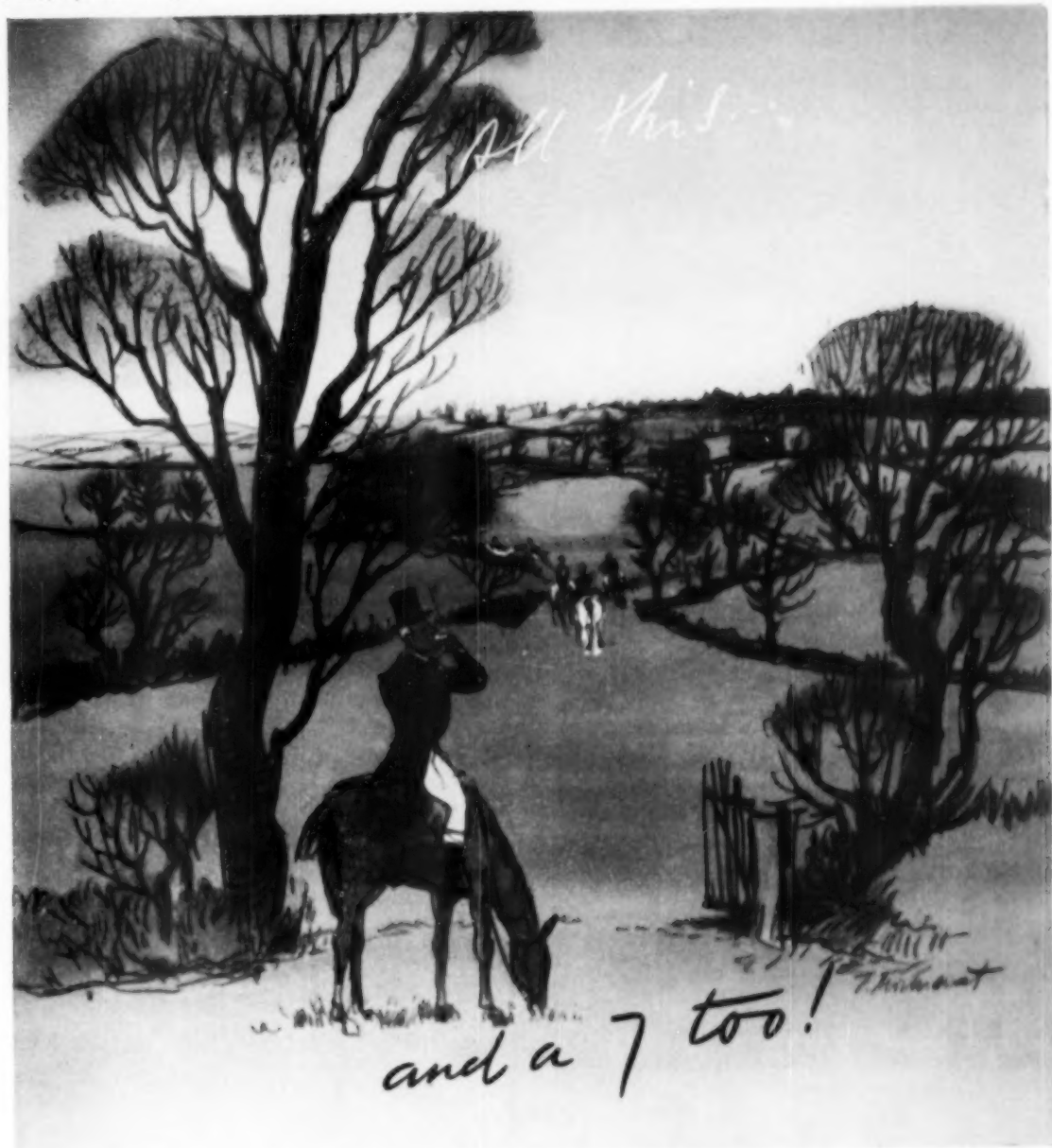


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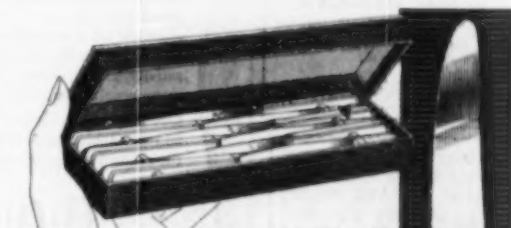


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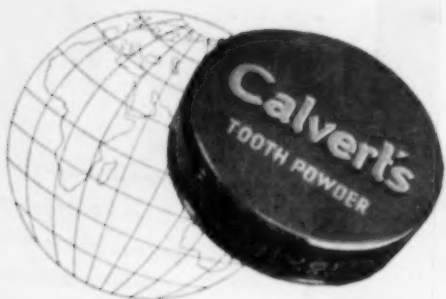
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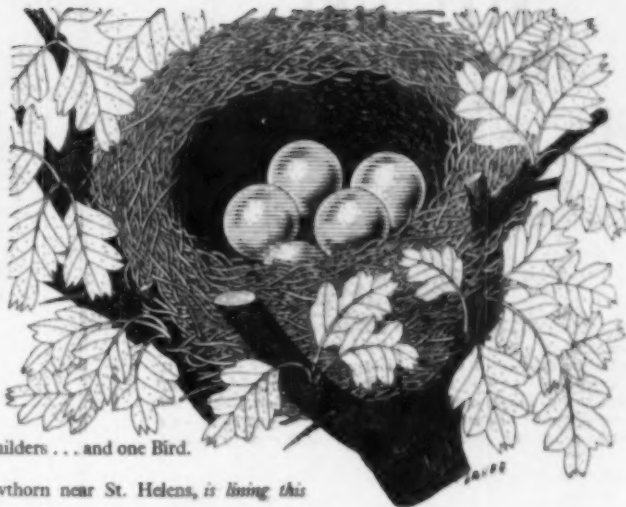


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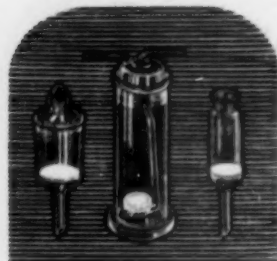


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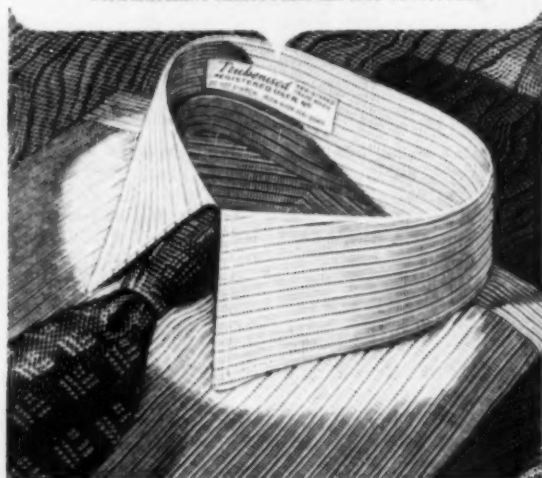
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